Orem is mad for being left off map

OREM, Utah (AP) — The Orem Chamber of Commerce is mad about the town being left off the front of the latest state map, said Connie Barker, chamber director.

"We are sending an official letter of request to William Hurley, director of the Utah Department of Transportation, to print a new map which includes Orem," Ms. Barker said.

The chamber's board voted to urge a recall and reprint of the map, one that includes all Utah cities and towns.

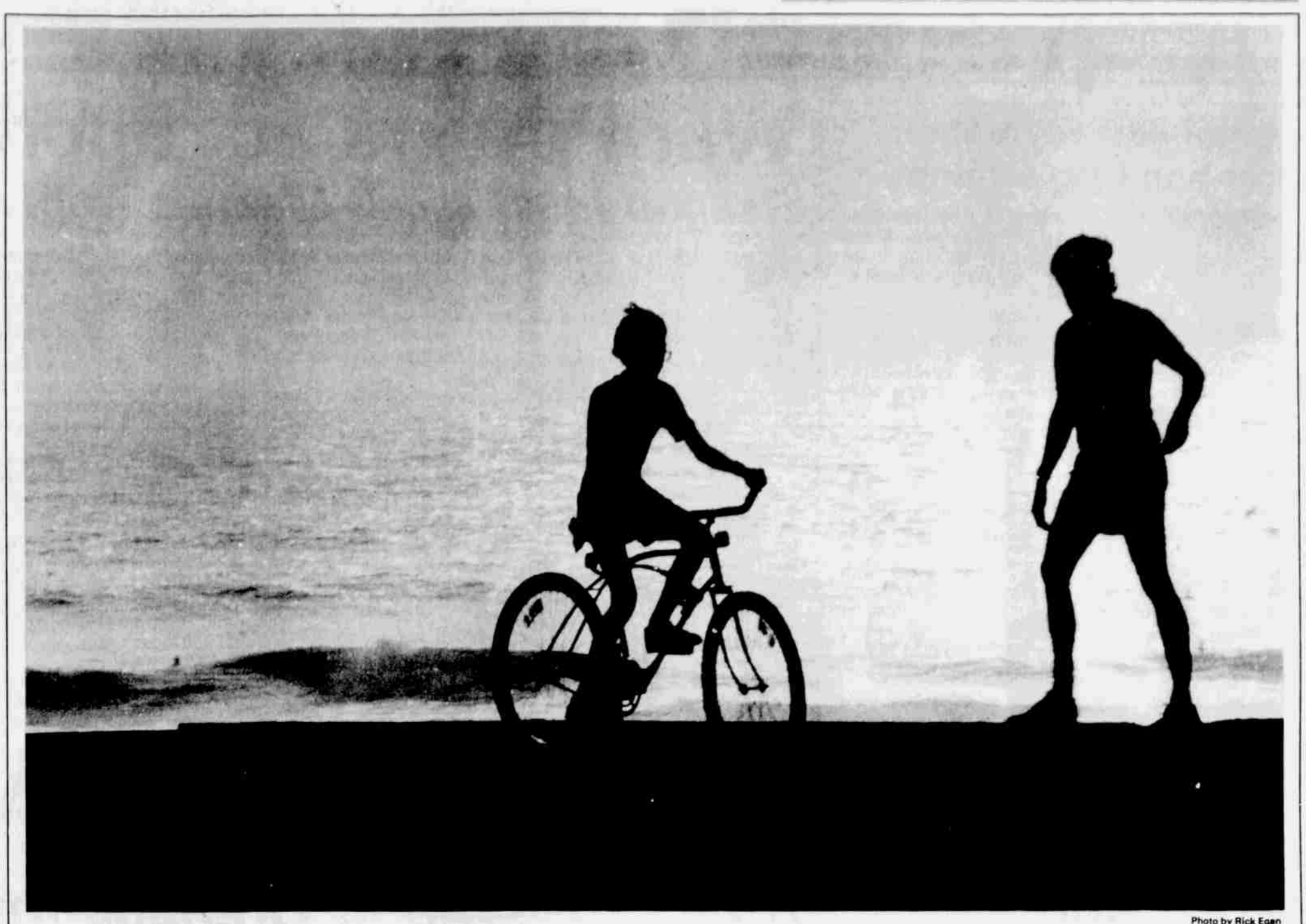
"The loss of business and industries that may be interested in locating here could cost the state much more in lost revenue than the cost of a new map," she said.

UDOT officials said Orem and several over cities are not on the front of the map to make it less cluttered and easier to read.

The cities have been included on the back of the map.

She said the chamber's main worry at being left off the map is that prospective businesses seeking new locations won't even be aware Orem exists.

"Typically, an industry will take a state map and use a 500-mile radius in conducting a market analysis," said Ms. Barker. "Omitting cities reduces the density and removes us from consideration by major industries."



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It's a heatwave

This could be a picture of a southern California beach in July but it was taken last week during upper 90-degree temperatures. The west coast has been experiencing a heatwave all week, keeping Californian coats far back in the depths of closets.

House approves MX program with $2.1 billion pricetag

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hotly debated MX missile program overcame another challenge Tuesday as the House voted 217-208 to approve $2.1 billion to produce the first 21 of the intercontinental nuclear weapons.

After an hour-long debate in which MX advocates said the Reagan administration has made sincere efforts in arms control and opponents remained deeply skeptical, members defeated an amendment by Rep. Joseph P. Addabbo, D-N.Y., to strip the production money from a $247 billion defense spending bill.

The vote was the closest call that the program has had this year in the House. Members had approved production by a 13-vote margin in a military authorization bill in July and had freed impounded money for the project by 53 votes in April.

Earlier in the afternoon, the administration chalked up another major gain in its strategic modernization program by turning aside, 247-175, an effort by Addabbo to prevent the Air Force from entering into multi-year contracts for B-1B bombers.

It was another indication that the long-debated and once-canceled program will continue at full scale.

In the MX debate, Rep. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., a leader of moderate Democrats who have been key players in negotiations with the administration, ticked off 15 concessions he said the White House made in its arms-control posture in return for support for the MX.

"The president so far has lived up to his end of this unprecedented bargain, and the Congress must live up to its end," Gore said.

But opponents reiterated their view that the giant, 10-warhead missiles are dangerous to the nuclear balance and that the nation's treasury could not afford the ultimate $27.5 billion cost for 100 MX "Peacekeepers."

Addabbo wanted to strip $438.7 million in advance-procurement items for the B-1 from the bill and thus prevent the Air Force from being able to commit itself to bomber purchases several years in advance.

Addabbo, chairman of the House defense appropriations subcommittee, said the B-1B was not ready for advance procurement because the first plane will not fly for a year and operational testing will not be completed until after that.

By approving multi-year spending, he argued, "Congress will be locked into this program and will lose fiscal control" over it.

But Rep. Jack Edwards, R-Ala., and other advocates replied that a Reagan administration pledge to hold the total cost of the 100-plane B-1B program to $20.5 billion in 1981 dollars was contingent on approval of the multi-year feature.

"If you give them that excuse to get out from under that blanket, I can't tell you how much the B-1 would cost," Edwards said.

Tensions mount over Indian hunting dispute

UINTAH AND OURAY INDIAN RESERVATION, Utah (AP) — The elk herd here is the life's blood of many Indians, who hunt these northeastern Utah lands not for sport but for food.

And when at least five mixed-blood Utes had their freshly killed elk confiscated by reservation police recently, tensions mounted.

These are not wealthy people, and a good-sized elk will dress out to about 250 pounds of usable meat.

The mixed-bloods, also known as affiliates, have been living off the land here for generations. They say they were under the impression, based on two recent federal court decisions, that their right to hunt and fish was secured by congressional action in 1954.

But full members of the Ute Tribe have decreed that elk hunt will be on a lottery basis, with affiliate tribal members receiving 27 percent of the permits. That was the percentage of the tribe listed as mixed blood when Congress appoved the 1954 Termination Act.

Those with affiliate status balked, and some have hunted without permits. They have argued, through Salt Lake City attorney Kathryn Collard, that the regulations do not effect them because they had no say in drafting the hunting proclamation.

Ms. Collard said she believes the problem now is one of harrassment by the federal government, which has intervened on behalf of the tribe and is pressing prosecution through federal trespass laws.

"This is ridiculous. The government should be made to abide by its own rules," Ms. Collard said.

She claims that twice U.S. District Judge Bruce Jenkins has bestowed the right of full access to mixed-bloods.

Tribal attorney Robert Thompson, himself a Cherokee from Oklahoma, said he believes the problem to be no more than a "recent realization that the (bad) feeling continues between mixed and full-blood Utes."

He said there is little danger of violence, since reservation police have been instructed to avoid confrontations.

"We're not going to shoot someone over an elk," Thompson said.

Brent Ward, U.S. attorney for Utah, also said there has been no harrassment of affiliate Utes.

"It's not that we're pressing that hard. We feel there's a duty to enforce the law," Ward said.

"The mixed-bloods are entitled to put in for a permit, and they have the same chance under the lottery system. Otherwise, they're trespassing," he said.

Ward said he believes Jenkins misinterpreted the Termination Act and has appealed one of his rulings. A decision on the appeal could be made at any time, he said.

Under the Termination Act, affiliate Utes were allocated shares in assets — principally oil royalties — but the act did not address hunting and fishing.

But Bruce Perry, director of the Utah Division of Indian Affairs, said the act did make provision for settling disputes, via a Joint Commission, to be composed of 73 percent full-bloods and 27 percent mixed bloods.

The commission, however, has not been convened, and the elk regulations were drafting without consultation with affiliates, Ms. Collard said.

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